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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

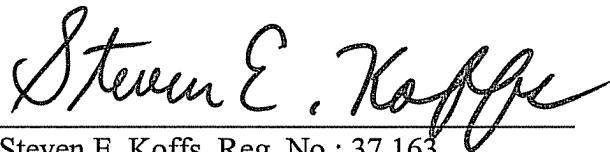
Claims 1-24 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10-13, 15-19 and 21-24 stand rejected. This paper cancels claims 1, 7, 12, 18, 21, 22 and 24. Claim 25 was not entered.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 3, 9, 14 and 20 contain allowable subject matter. Applicant has rewritten claims 3, 9, 14 and 20 in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims as suggested by the Examiner. Accordingly, claims 3, 9, 14 and 20 are in condition for allowance. Claims 2, 4, 8, 10, 11, 13, 15 and 23 have been amended to change their dependency. No new matter has been added. Claims 2 and 4-6 depend from claim 3 and are allowable for at least that reason. Claims 8, 10 and 11 depend from claim 9 and are allowable for at least that reason. Claims 13, 15, 16 and 17 depend from claim 14 and are allowable for at least that reason. Claims 19 and 23 depend from claim 20 and are allowable for at least that reason.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Early notification to that effect is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any excess payment that may be associated with this communication to deposit account **04-1679**.

Respectfully submitted,



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